

The number of people victimized by identity theft continues to rise at an alarming pace. Personal privacy is a hallmark of our democracy and we must act to protect every citizen's right to keep information out of the hands of criminals. That is why I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 1745, Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2005. This important legislation will enhance Social Security account number privacy protections, prevent fraudulent misuse of the Social Security account number, and otherwise enhance protection against identity theft.